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1. Between 13 and 15 February 1951, the Panzer Kaserne in Neubrandenburg (N 54/U 66) was occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, most of them with tank insignia and only a few with artillery insignia. The interior of the billeting area was blocked to view. About 400 troops, organized into platoons of 40, were engaged in infantry training at the drill field south of the installation, while three officers instructed groups of 20 to 30 soldiers on three JS-2 tanks. At the same time, the firing of infantry weapons was heard from the area east of the barracks installation. Three JS-2 tanks, were used for the training of student drivers at the drill field on 14 February.

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2. The former German torpedo test institute contained a Soviet tank repair shop, an ammunition storage bunker, and a warehouse for motor vehicle tires. The railroad spur, a section of which had been dismantled after the war, was being reconstructed. Twenty-four German laborers at work on the roadbed and two freight cars loaded with ties were observed. On 7 February, trucks shuttled between the ammunition bunker and the freight yard, hauling ammunition boxes to two boxcars at the freight yard. One JS-2 tank was seen in the area of the torpedo test institute on 14 February. Noise indicated activity at the repair shop. On 15 February, truck was loaded with six tires in front of a warehouse and returned toward the barracks installation.
3. The western section of the settlement in the road fork formed by the road to Neustrelitz and Fuenfeichenweg was occupied by German civilians, while the eastern section, which formerly quartered Soviet dependents, was vacant. ** The roadside restaurant at the northern tip of the

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settlement was apparently used as a military mess and a ration supply distribution point. The mess catered to officers from the Panzer Kaserne and soldiers from the torpedo test institute.

Trucks [] left the building toward Neustrelitz. Truck [] was loaded with beer and returned to the Panzer Kaserne.

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4. The Soviet quarters on Wilhelm Kuelzstrasse, opposite the kommandatura, housed not more than 50 signal soldiers who wore black-bordered black epaulets.
5. Camp Fuenfeichen, 3 km south of Neubrandenburg, was dissolved. The town of Fuenfeichen proper was not occupied by Soviet troops. ***

[] Comment. The Panzer Kaserne is fairly definitely believed to quarter a tank unit of the 9th Gds Tank Div, possibly the unidentified Hv Tank BP Regt, and the 413th Pon Bridge Bn of the Second Gds Army. Considering the size of the barracks installation, it is possible that other units may also be stationed there.

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** [] Comment. [] 80 percent of the settlement houses have been vacant as early as April 1950.

*** [] Comment. Camp Fuenfeichen was [] occupied by troops in November 1949.

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